

**MINUTES
OF THE
ANCHORAGE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

September 17, 2015

8:30 a.m.

City Hall

The Council members in attendance were Diane Cook, Cece Hagan, Neil Ramsey, Brian Rublein, and Bill Wetherton. Also in attendance were City Administrative Officer Reneé Major, Public Works Director Erwin Booth, Police Chief Dean Hayes, and Clerk/Receptionist Sandra Kunzler.

In the absence of Mayor Hewitt, Council members unanimously voted fellow Council member Cece Hagan to preside over the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Hagan at 8:37 a.m.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 2, 2015, Special Meeting of City Council were reviewed. Wetherton motioned to accept the minutes as presented, and Ramsey seconded. The motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading – Ordinance Setting Time of Regular Council Meetings – Cook made a motion to approve the Ordinance to correct an error discovered in the codification of the City’s Ordinances to accurately state the date, time, and place of the regular meeting of City Council. Wetherton seconded, and all approved.

Police Station Window Repairs – Booth informed Council that he did not notice that the low bid from Gilkey (accepted at the last meeting) was for plastic windows and not vinyl-clad wood windows as required for structures in the Historic District. He recommended that Council approve the \$9,040 bid from Eagle Window and Door. Rublein entered a motion to approve; seconded by Cook. Hagan opened the floor to discussion, and there was none. A vote was taken and all approved.

Evergreen Road/Nutwood Road Culvert Update – Cook stated that an enormous amount of time has been expended trying to resolve the stone issue. The stone was to match the stonework on the Station Road walking-path bridge in color and size. When the initial six samples were viewed, the small (six inch) size was noted, but some variance between brick size was expected. The color was also not quite the same since the stone was coming from a different quarry, but that was acceptable. However, when the stone was installed, the size variances ran smaller than six inches instead of larger. Cook measured three courses and found the height variance between the two bridge sites to be in excess of 33%, making the stonework on Evergreen look like a lot of small, uniform-sized bricks. The issue is strictly aesthetics, as the workmanship is not in question. Cook asked if Council would be willing to spend additional funds to remove all the currently-installed stone, sell back the unused stone, and order new. Cook and Booth are still trying to negotiate a final cost for this work. Cook said the unused stone that remains can be sold back for \$4,500. But the cost for new, larger, buff stone and the work to remove and replace what’s currently there is still in negotiation. Flynn informed Booth the cost would be \$10,500; Cook calculates the figure to be \$6-7,000. Cook said she can argue both sides of the debate about whether to remove and replace or continue installing the current stone. What’s there now is definitely not the same, but many residents have commented that it looks good and to finish it. However, this is a major entryway into the City, and the stonework is not what was expected. Cook said an alternative might be for the City to sell the existing stone and then the City buy new stone, removing Flynn from the stone debate. Rublein said he would be fine finishing the project with the existing stone. Wetherton stated it’s not as good as it could be, and should be fixed. Hagan felt that as beautiful as it is, as a major gateway into the City it needs to be right. Ramsey entered a motion to allow Cook and her committee to spend up to \$7,000 in additional

funds if they can negotiate replacement within that level. The alternative would be to proceed with the current stone. Rublein seconded. A vote was taken and all approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Business District Street Signs – Booth said the City received three bids. Cornerstone was eliminated because they did not meet the minimum qualifications specified in the bid request and could not offer samples to the City. Best Stamp submitted the best price, but when samples that met the City’s specifications were requested, they could not deliver. Also, the signs they proposed would mimic those installed in Middletown; everything is bolted, not welded, and the signs were flimsy and looked inexpensive. Cook said, once again this is a quality issue. Eagle Sign was the highest bidder, but they did superior work on the City’s new entrance signage. Ramsey asked how many signs were being created for the \$16,000 price tag. Booth said 10 street name signs, one name sign for City Hall, and a number of stop and road signs, all with new square posts. Booth mentioned that 12-15 road signs are being eliminated as part of this project. Ramsey made a motion to accept the Eagle Sign bid; Rublein seconded. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken and all approved.

At 9:00 a.m. Cook entered a motion for Council to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Rublein. Council returned to Regular Session at 9:07 a.m. No action was taken and the meeting adjourned.

Cece Hagan
Councilmember, Presiding Officer

Reneé M. Major
City Clerk